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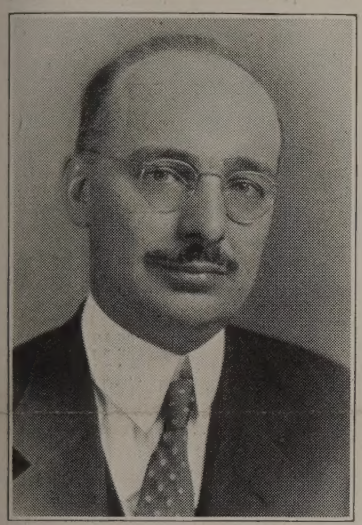
Dr. Stock Comes

California young people will make the most of the visit of Secretary Harry T. Stock of Boston during the week that he is to be in our territory.

A rally is being arranged at Oroville by Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer for the young people of his church and Paradise on Sunday evening, October 13.

On Monday evening, the 14th, Dr. Stock will be at Petaluma, where the young people of all of the churches of the Redwood Empire Association, and also of Fairfax, will gather.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 15th to 17th, Dr. Stock will be



Rev. Harry T. Stock, D.D.

guest and speaker at the annual meeting of the Conference at Sacramento. On the first evening he will speak at a young people's dinner conference, at which it is expected representatives from Ripon, Salida, Calaveras County, Stockton, Lodi, Auburn, Loomis, Grass Valley, Fairfield and Rio Vista will come together. On Thursday morning he will lead a round table for delegates and pastors on the Pilgrim Fellowship, and Thursday evening he will speak at the Conference dinner, on "Youth Speaks to the Church."

On Friday, October 18, he will meet with the Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work in Berkeley at two o'clock, and with the cabinet of the Pilgrim Fellowship at four o'clock. At six there will be a dinner and rally for East Bay young people at First Church, Berkeley, from which he will be hurried away to a West Bay dinner and rally later in the evening at First Church, San Francisco.

On Saturday, October 19, he will be at Fresno, where the young people of the San Joaquin Association will be invited to meet and hear him.

This will be an unusual opportunity for pastors and counsellors to learn at first hand of plans and methods for young people's work.

"Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually."—Woodrow Wilson.

CAPITOL CITY PLANS GREAT MEET

A program exceedingly rich in content and inspiring in character will be enjoyed by pastors and delegates who are fortunate enough to attend the seventy-ninth annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, which will be held in Sacramento, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 15 to 17.

Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of San Francisco will be the chaplain, and he will open the conference at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon with a communion and consecration service. The themes of the three services of worship, conducted by Dr. Pierce, will be: "The Call of Jesus," "The Personality of Jesus," and "The Power of Jesus."

At three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. James W. Fifield, Jr., the brilliant young pastor of the First Church of Los Angeles, will speak on "The Flag Nailed to the Top of the Mast." On Wednesday forenoon, Dr. Fifield will tell us how he does it, leading a round table for the entire Conference on "Making a Modern Church Go."

Following Dr. Fifield's first address, Superintendent Harley H. Gill will present his report, under the caption: "Desk and Trail," or "What the Superintendent Sees and Dares to Tell."

Wednesday evening is set aside for a real mass meeting, with the general theme: "This Changing World." Rev. Fred R. Morrow, director of Congregational work at the University of California, will speak on "Being Young Today." Mrs. Franklin Warner will give an appraisal of Africa, from which she has just returned. Moderator O. W. S. McCall will give the closing address on "Renaissance or Downfall."

A series of round tables will be held Thursday morning. Rev. Harry T. Stock of Boston will lead the discussion regarding the "Pilgrim Fellowship." President Herman F. Swartz will tell us, "How to Finance a Church Today." Rev. T. T. Giffen will recount "What is Going On in the Denomination," and Rev. Lawrence Wilson will direct discussion on "Social Action in the Local Church."

The Conference dinner will be held at the First Baptist Church, Thursday evening. The toastmaster will be Mr. E. G. Funke, attorney from Sacramento. Music will be offered by the Convention Ensemble of the Sacramento Convention Bureau. Rev. Harry T. Stock of Boston will give an address on "Youth Speaks to the Church," and Rev. Henry Kendall Booth of Long Beach will repeat the remarkable indictment of war which he gave at the Pacific Slope Congress, "Mars Marches On."

Rev. Clarence Reidenbach will preach the Conference sermon, his theme being, "The Idea of Progress." Rev. Burton M. Palmer will conduct the memorial service on Thursday morning.

The young people's dinner conference will be held Tuesday evening, at which Rev. Harry T. Stock will be the speaker and Fred R. Morrow the toastmaster.

Mr. Franklin Warner will show motion pictures of Africa at the five o'clock hour on Tuesday and on Wednesday.

The fall luncheon and meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women is to take place Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Lawrence Wilson will be the toastmistress at the luncheon, and Mrs. Franklin Warner of Claremont will be the speaker. At the afternoon session Mrs. Frank J. Greene will preside. Mrs. H. N. Hobart of Sacramento will lead the devotions. Reports of three associational presidents will be made, and Miss Eunice Thomas of Foochow, China, will speak on "Light from the East." Beautiful music, by voice and organ, will add greatly to the enjoyment of those present.

During the same hour on Wednesday afternoon, laymen and ministers will foregather, with Rev. Benjamin Gould presiding. Mr. Franklin Warner will tell us what the church is confronting in other lands. Rev. Westwood Wallace and Rev. Charles H. Hudson will outline the problems confronting the church in times of strikes, riots, and vigilantes. Rev. Gail Cleland will speak on what the pulpit has a right to expect from the pew at such times, and Mr. John E. Carpenter of Sacramento will outline what the pew has a right to expect from the pulpit.

All ministerial members of local associations are by virtue of that fact members of the Conference and entitled to vote. Each church is entitled to two delegates, regardless of size, and to one additional delegate for each full 100 in excess of 200, no church being entitled to more than five delegates.

The registration fee will be $1.00, and this will apply to ministers, delegates and visitors. It will be for the expense of the program, and to provide a mileage pool to help pastors who live at a distance, in their travel expense.

Hotel reservations should be made in advance. Pastors of churches will have lists of the hotels making special rates.

The location of the church is 27th and L Streets, Sacramento, and can easily be reached by street car from any depot.

Anti-Saloon League Calls New Head

The California Anti-Saloon League has called to the superintendency of the state, George Young Hammond. Mr. Hammond has had a remarkably successful career in Anti-Saloon League work, both in Iowa and Kansas. He is a layman and an attorney. Last year, under his leadership, Kansas rejected repeal by ninety thousand —every county voting dry. His method of campaign and education is through dramas of his own production. He is already at work in California, and it is hoped will have time to look in for a few minutes at our State Conference.

C.C.C. Under Way

The California Church Council which has been in process of organization for more than a year, is soon to hold its first annual meeting. Rev. Guy W. Wadsworth is acting general secretary. Offices are maintained both in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Rev. Roy B. Guild of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, has been spending a number of weeks in California helping to get the various departments and activities under way. The principal problem at the present time is that of finance. A budget of about $16,000 has been adopted, which will clear up some deficits that have accumulated, and care for the expenses of the Council for the next fifteen months, or until December 31, 1936. Denominations are being asked to contribute; churches and Sunday Schools will be requested to take offerings, and individuals are being solicited to make up the balance. It is the hope of all members and officers that this organization, uniting the activities of the former California State Church Federation, the Missionary Education Movement, the Northern and Southern Councils of Religious Education, and the Superintendents' Councils, will prove to be a strong, unified force within the state, representing all Protestantism.

"WITHOUT DEFICIT"

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has announced through its Treasurer, Harold B. Belcher, the closing, without deficit, of its fiscal year, ending August 31, 1935. This outcome was made possible by the drastic reduction in expenditures that has been carried on through the last few years. These reductions were secured by cutting from an effective force of 694 workers in 1931 to 460 workers in 1935, involving the closing of 419 schools, ranging from kindergarten through high schools, seven hospitals and dispensaries, two social centers and two pieces of student work. The missionaries remaining on the field have of necessity been working under great tension.

The total expenditures for the year were $1,098,836.43, about two per cent under the budget and about 40 per cent below the expenditures of five years ago. While gross receipts were less than last year the amount received was within two per cent of the budget anticipation. The gifts from the Congregational and Christian churches in the last months of the fiscal year showed improvement over those of the previous year.

Reports gathered by the Commission on Missions following the end of August indicate a decline of about two per cent in benevolence giving for eight months, as against the corresponding period a year ago.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. Rowland B. Dodge, Palo Alto, deeply regret to learn of the very sudden death of their son, Robert, on August 25. Rev. Willard B. Thorp conducted the funeral service.

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Y. P. Activities

The newly-formed West Bay district of Pilgrim Fellowship, which includes young people's groups from San Francisco and the Santa Clara Association, as far south as Santa Cruz, met for their initial rally at the First Congregational Church of Redwood City, on Friday evening, September 20. About 126 young people, with their pastors, were in attendance. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton addressed the group on "Taking the Imp out of Impossible," and Rev. E. T. Sherman outlined the new setup of Pilgrim Fellowship. Stunts were provided by groups from Palo Alto and San Jose. Following officers were elected: President, Miss Ida Nicholas of Ocean View; vice-president, John Smith of Palo Alto; secretary, Miss Ann Worthingham of Grace-United; treasurer, George Dains of San Jose; pastoral counsellor, Rev. Norman W. Pendleton of Redwood City. Another rally is to be held in San Jose on November 15th.

The young people of the Redwood Empire Association held their fall rally at Cloverdale on the evening of September 22. All young people's organizations were represented by large delegations in spite of long distances many had to travel. The rally was a success in every respect. The young people are looking forward to the visit of Dr. Stock in October.

The fall meeting of the German Sunday School and Young People's Association will be held at Salem Church, Sanger, on Sunday, October 27. The conventions of this organization, which are held twice a year and which represent our six German churches in that vicinity, are attended by several hundred young people, and are most inspiring occasions.

The East Bay Pilgrim Fellowship held a rally at First Congregational Church, Oakland, on Friday evening, September 27. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, counsellor for the state organization, was the speaker.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Plymouth House at the University continues to extend its sphere of influence. It is regularly open at noon, from Monday to Friday, for informal luncheons, and on four afternoons is a comfortable, home-like, hospitable place to study and meet one's friends. On Wednesday evenings there is an informal discussion on the Reason for Living, and on Friday at eight o'clock something doing in the way of fellowship. There is a regular Sunday evening worship service, and a seminar once a week on "The Life of Jesus." The director, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, is on hand to serve students in any way possible.

ANNUITY FUND and OLD AGE PENSIONS

The editor asked Rev. Lewis T. Reed, secretary of the Congregational pension boards, for a statement regarding enacted legislation covering old age pensions and the effect of this legislation upon our relief and annuity funds. His reply follows:

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Numerous inquiries have been received by the office of the Board of Ministerial Relief as to the effect of the government old-age pension plans on the welfare of aged and retired ministers or their widows. The Act passed by Congress and signed by the President calls for co-operation between the federal government and the states. No aid will be given from federal sources in any state until that state has passed a law and made it effective by an appropriation, for old age pensions. Congress adjourned at the end of August without making appropriations to implement their share of the proposed old-age pensions, and no aid from the federal government to supplement state aid can be expected until after Congress convenes in January, 1936.

Some thirty-five states, however, have passed old-age pension laws and in more than half of them aid is already being given under a state law. In this number is California, which has had a state old-age pension law in operation since 1929. This law was amended in the direction of liberality in 1935. The quotation below from a letter of the state department of social welfare covers the principal points of the amended Old Age Security Act:

"The new law grants a combination of state and county aid to needy aged persons who are sixty-five years or older, United States citizens, residents of the state for fifteen years, and of the county one year immediately prior to application, and who have no husband, wife or child able to support and are not inmates of various institutions.

"The fifteen year residence requirement remains in effect until such time as federal aid is available.

"The minimum income from all sources, including aid, is $20, and the maximum $35.

"The combined real property of husband and wife may not exceed $3,000 assessed value, and the value of personal property may not exceed $500. Liens on property will be taken by the board of supervisors, as security for reimbursement to the state and county.

"Blanks may be secured and applications made in the office of the county welfare department of the county in which the applicant resides.

"These changes will be effective September 15, 1935."

Ministers and their wives who can qualify under the terms of the California Act have every right to make application to the office of the county welfare department of the county in which they reside.

The apparent intent of the law is to provide the amount of aid named above to each individual beyond sixty-five years of age, so that if there are two such members in a family, aid would be given on the basis of two separate applications. Conference with the public welfare commissioners in other states, however, indicates that each case will be considered on its merits and all circumstances taken into account. When and if the federal government co-operates in giving relief aid, the total amount of aid will remain the same, payment being divided between the state and federal agencies.

In view of the small grants made by the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief and the Northern California Congregational Conference, it would seem that some pensioners of these boards might expect assistance under the California law.

The section of the Federal Social Security Act concerning compulsory contributions to age annuities does not affect ministers, inasmuch as employers and employees of non-profit organizations are expressly exempted from the operation of the act. Ministers must, therefore, make provision for their age security through the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers.

NEW EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATION

Announcing "THE CHRISTIAN HOME," a new monthly publication continuing "The Home Magazine." For many years "The Home Magazine" has been making its quarterly visits to the homes of busy young parents, shut-ins, and others who are denied the privilege of attending regularly the services of worship, study and social life of the local church; and many words of appreciation from these people have led the editors to believe that its visits have been worth while. Yet, quarterly visits are far apart, and there has been an increasing demand for a new magazine which would give a more frequent contact between the local church and the members of this great extension department. Parents, church-school leaders, and ministers especially have expressed desires for a magazine which would strengthen the relationship between home and church.

Consequently "The Home Magazine" was discontinued with the summer quarter, and beginning with October the Congregational Publishing Society offers "THE CHRISTIAN HOME"—a new monthly which will not only be published more often than the old quarterly but will also give its readers a much larger amount of material and cover a wider range of subjects. There will be articles on child training and Christian living, stories, devotional helps for individual and family worship, book reviews, readers' forum, and inspiring comments on the International Uniform Lessons written especially for individual reading and study.

Careful planning and earnest effort are being given to the preparation of this new magazine. Its inspection by church school superintendents, home department supervisors, ministers, parents, and all for whom the magazine is intended, is hoped for, and their comments and criticisms will be gratefully received.

Rates: School or club subscriptions (all copies sent to one address) 20 cents a quarter; 80 cents a year. Individual subscription, $1.00 a year. Canadian postage, 25 cents extra; foreign postage, 50 cents extra. The Pacific Book Service will take orders.

MODOC ASSOCIATION

The Modoc Association Annual Meeting will be held in Alturas the weekend of November 15 to 17. A team of speakers, including Mrs. Frank J. Greene, president of the Federation, and Superintendent Gill, will go to Modoc and participate in the association meeting and visit the various fields committed to our care.

WELCOME

A little daughter, named Phyllis June, has found her way into the parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Throckmorton of the Grace United Church in San Francisco.

"The strength of a country is the strength of its religious convictions."
—Calvin Coolidge.

ATTENTION!

Pastors and Treasurers

September, which ought to be one of our better months, was a decided disappointment. Normally, church treasurers who have been a bit lax during the summer, make remittances during September. In the past month we have heard from just twenty-one churches, or about one-fifth of the total number, and the receipts for the month were $650 less than for the corresponding period a year ago. On August 31st, as noted in the last issue of The Pacific, we were just about even with 1934, but at the end of September, considerably behind. This is probably due to an oversight on the part of a number of pastors and treasurers, which will doubtless be corrected during October. It is always expected that there will be a deficit in the first six months of the Conference fiscal year, which ends September 30, but due to the condition referred to above, the Conference and Home Missionary Society have larger deficits than at September 30th in either 1933 or 1934.

	Sept. 1935	Jan. 11 to Sept. 30. '35	Jan. 11 to Sept. 30. 1934
Adin	....	75.00	98.19
Alameda	....	105.81	190.41
Alturas	....	18.93	13.00
Angels' Camp	....	37.06	45.00
Antioch	....	27.86	21.76
Auburn	....	25.00	20.00
Benicia	....	13.00	27.00
Berkeley,			
First	583.33	4.535.84	5,160.50
North	....	450.00	407.00
Park	22.63	60.03	57.20
Campbell	....	118.50	160.00
Ceres	....	....	33.56
Cloverdale	....	66.18	44.40
Cotati	....	39.86	41.00
Crockett	....	40.53	66.64
Eureka	28.54	208.54	151.00
Fairfax	....	15.00	70.00
Ferndale	....	79.16	137.26
Fowler	....	....	10.00
Fresno,			
First	....	285.30	471.96
Pilgrim	27.33	82.90	9.25
Glen Ellen	....	....	1.00
Grass Valley	....	10.00	....
Hayward	....	50.00	....
Kenwood	....	37.67	17.15
Likely	....	5.00	1.32
Lockeford	....	7.00	....
Lodi, First	102.00	452.00	380.00
Loomis	7.36	37.31	....
Martinez	....	138.86	32.50
Murphy	....	40.00	40.00
Niles	....	22.20	....
Oakland,			
Calvary	....	....	10.00
First	466.66	2.384.94	3,025.75
Fruitvale	....	....	11.00
Pilgrim	....	3.50	5.00
Plymouth	40.00	445.00	460.75
Oroville	....	105.00	150.00
Pacific Grove	....	264.45	260.00
Palo Alto	....	250.00	410.00
Paradise	33.00	167.00	70.00
Petaluma	75.65	422.71	570.57
Pittsburg	....	31.84	32.50
Port Chicago	....	2.35	....
Porterville	....	17.00	29.50
Redwood City	....	175.00	275.00
Reedley,			
Finnish	....	25.00	14.00
Ripon	5.00	47.50	52.50
Sacramento	150.00	287.70	477.50
Salida	....	18.80	20.00
San Carlos	....	15.00	25.00
San Francisco,			
Bethany Mission Park	4.00	258.90	241.63
First	65.59	986.29	597.83
Ocean View	5.50	18.92	22.00
Richmond	....	4.00	9.50
San Jose	35.00	481.80	510.00
San Leandro,			
Broadmoor	....	67.73	140.15
San Rafael	....	15.06	31.50
Santa Cruz	160.00	540.00	390.00
Santa Rosa	....	164.04	111.56
Saratoga	....	160.00	225.00
Sebastopol	....	156.29	148.88
Sonoma	....	50.23	37.15
Soquel	10.00	47.00	38.00
Stockton	11.95	381.14	469.60
Suisun	....	45.00	47.00
Sunol	....	....	30.00
Sunnyvale	....	5.70	....
Tulare	100.00	165.00	185.00
Weaverville	....	46.00	48.77
Woodside	....	....	36.50
Reno, Nev.	8.93	226.54	205.94
Miscellaneous	127.50	426.79	308.85
Special			
Deficit	....	825.05	....
	$2,069.97	$10,818.81	$17,441.33

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BENICIA. After serving this church for seven years, Rev. Ernest W. Houlding resigned early in September and moved to Sacramento, where he will assist Rev. Lawrence Wilson in the young people's work of the Pioneer Congregational Church. The years of Mr. Houlding's pastorate brought great changes to Benicia, many of them discouraging to the community as well as to the church. One after another of the town's industries closed, and with the erection of the Southern Pacific railway bridge and the abandonment of the train ferry system, a great many citizens and supporters of the church moved away. In spite of all of this, the church has more than held its own, and a remarkably fine piece of work has been done among young people. Benicia has been represented at our Asilomar Conference in numbers away beyond the churches that were much larger and better financed. Mr. Houlding has been active in the community, and a valued member of the Kiwanis Club. He carries with him the affection, respect and good wishes of the church and city. Mr. Alden Read, student of the Pacific School of Religion, and former pastor at Trenton, Neb., is supplying the church.

SACRAMENTO. Pioneer Church and its pastor, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, are exceedingly busy these days. In addition to preparing for the state conference which will meet October 15-17, there has been the holding of the annual meeting and getting ready for the work of the year. Heretofore the annual meeting has been held in January, but it was decided to change in order that officers elected would be able to carry through the activities of the year. Rev. Ernest W. Houlding of Benicia has been secured to care for religious education and young people's program of this church.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The fortieth anniversary of this church will be celebrated the last Sunday in October. Record attendances at Sunday morning meetings were reported the first three Sundays of September, with financial offerings commensurate with the attendance. Mr. James F. Galliano, representative of organized labor, spoke the first Sunday; Mr. George R. Kibbe, who was born in Downieville in 1857, gave the story of the first Admission Day on September 8; and the Knights of Pythias attended service on the 15th. Rev. J. B. Orr is pastor.

AMBROSE. Following the resignation of Rev. D. Dent Naylor, Miss Mary Coxhead and Rev. Huber Burr have been supplying this church. Rev. Raymond Cramer, former pastor, is expected to visit the field and hold special meetings during October, following which a new pastor will be called.

SOQUEL. A quiet canvass brought in resources to meet all financial obligations of the summer. Many summer visitors attended the services, among them former friends of the pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, from Salida, Ferndale, Tipton and Ripon.

PORT CHICAGO. Rev. B. Dent Naylor, the pastor, has closed his work in Ambrose, and will be able to devote himself entirely to Port Chicago and the immediate vicinity.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. Norman B. Henderson is recovering satisfactorily from the effect of a surgical operation early in the summer, and resumed his duties as preacher and pastor October 1.

HAYWARD. The month of September will be long remembered by the members and pastor of this church. First of all was the opening of the new pipe organ, an instrument originally costing over $12,000 which was purchased, installed and revoiced for a little better than $1,000. The interior of the auditorium has been completely redecorated with new wall paper, new paint, new electric light fixtures, and the floor recarpeted. The building, although old, is attractive, and the new finish carries out effectively the New England meeting house motif.

The church also celebrated the 70th anniversary of its organization, and the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the pastor, Rev. Godfrey Matthews. At all of the services, including the opening of the organ, its dedication, and the anniversaries, there were overflow audiences. Hayward is to be congratulated on the forward steps taken and the evidences of a happy relationship between pastor and people.

REDWOOD CITY. October is Loyalty Month, opening with a Loyalty dinner at which Rev. E. A. Lowther will be the speaker. Sunday morning sermon subjects include, "Why Bother with the Church?" "Keeping the Heart Warm in a Cold Time," and "Diagnosing Today." Rev. Norman Pendleton, the pastor, is active in advocating a political house-cleaning in San Mateo County in order that gambling may be uprooted. The district attorney was called upon to take the lead and was assured of the backing of decent people in any effective campaign which he would launch.

BERKELEY PARK. A very marked improvement in the church property is being made by giving the exterior woodwork two coats of paint. This is the first time in more than 20 years since the church was erected that this has been done. To pastor Tom Watt and the members of the church goes the credit for doing the work on a voluntary basis.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. September 29 to October 6 has been designated as Loyalty Week. Every department of the Sunday School and the three young people's societies are well organized. Various other clubs are resuming their work for the year. A dinner was given following the service on September 29 in honor of the staff of the church. Rev. Thomas T. Giffen is the minister, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, director of education, and Alice L. Osborne, secretary.

BERKELEY, NORTH. A Fall Recovery Crusade has been launched. Rev. E. W. Benedict has preached a series of four sermons on Prayer: "How to Make Prayer Effective," "Hindrances in Prayer," "Prayer as Petition," and "Prayer as Communion."

SEBASTOPOL. Every family represented every Sunday is expected during Loyalty Month. On September 29 service was attended by the Golden Wedding Club for the sixth consecutive year. Rev. George E. Atkinson is pastor.

FAIRFAX. The newly organized young people's society is going splendidly. The ladies are giving a day a week to visit and interest people in the church. The young people's choir is giving effective help at the morning service. Rev. C. L. Mears is the pastor.

PITTSBURG. Rev. Charles C. Champlin closed his work as pastor of this church on October 1st. His record has been a remarkable one. The pastorate which he has just closed was of ten years' duration, and it was the third pastorate which he had had with this church. Mr. Champlin has seen Pittsburg grow from a little village to a thriving industrial city since he first went there many years ago. During this pastorate the membership has grown from 75 to 340. There is a thriving Sunday School and active organizations for all ages and groups. Mr. Champlin plans to live for a time on a ranch in Sonoma Valley, which was his boyhood home, and which was owned by his father, and before that by his grandfather. The church held a reception on the last night of September, endeavoring to express something of the affection and esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Champlin are held.

TRINITY COUNTY. Five big boxes of clothing have been received, all of which has been distributed in the Hayfork vicinity. A great deal more is needed. Many boys and girls have no shoes, stockings or heavy underwear. Additional gifts may be sent to Rev. James D. Salmon at Weaverville. Mr. Salmon reports a much better Sunday School attendance, with a splendid high school class. The Young People's Fellowship has improved because of the leadership of delegates who went to Asilomar. A Fellowship is to be organized at Hayfork shortly. The Sunday School at Hyampom and the bi-weekly class for boys and girls at Lewiston are going on and are very encouraging.

PACIFIC GROVE. Work for the autumn is lining up under the leadership of Rev. John H. Hunter, the pastor. Every week shows activities in one department or another. Franklin Mack, who recently traveled through South America taking motion pictures for missionary education, gave his report and experiences to his own church. Fred Thorne showed pictures and described Navajo land. Miss Jeannette Alter, in addressing the Missionary group, told of work among the Highlanders in south Kentucky.

PORTERVILLE. Congregations of more than a hundred are greeting the new pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, each Sunday morning. Eleven new members are joining the first Sunday of October. A fine reception was given the pastor and his wife, which was attended by more than a hundred persons. A Pilgrim Fellowship, with 22 members, has been organized. The parsonage is completely furnished. An every member visitation is soon to be made.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A series of sermons based on pictures is planned for October, in which a small copy of the picture used for the service will be given to each one who attends. The pictures selected by Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, pastor, are "The Good Shepherd," "Angelus," "The Rich Young Ruler," and "Christ and the Fishermen."

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Rev. Stewart E. Locke, pastor, has found it necessary to take a six months' leave of absence because of ill health. He is spending the time at Bret Harte Sanitorium, Murphy. At present the church is being supplied by Rev. W. R. Steininger.

ALAMEDA. In a special service on Sunday, September 22, the twentieth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Gail Clelland, the pastor, was celebrated. The large choir turned out in full force and gave two beautiful numbers. A representative congregation was present to hear the pastor tell some of his experiences in the past twenty years, first as a Methodist and later a Congregationalist. Rev. E. P. Dennett, who had been District Superintendent at the time Dr. Cleland was ordained in the Methodist ministry, was present and brought greetings. Superintendent Harley H. Gill told of the service which Dr. and Mrs. Cleland have rendered to our fellowship of churches. A reception in the church parlors followed.

Monday Club Meets

The ministers of the Bay Area gathered for the first meeting of the autumn at Park Church, Berkeley, and were treated to an excellent dinner prepared by the pastor of the church, Rev. Tom Watt. The program was devoted to evangelism, and Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of First Church, Oakland, preached an evangelistic sermon. Purpose of the sermon and the discussion which followed, was to discover how better to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of this generation. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is president of the club, and Rev. Williston Wirt is the secretary.

Well Deserved

Drury College, Missouri, honored itself and its commencement last June in conferring the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon our own Clarence Reidenbach. Dr. Reidenbach, who is a graduate of Butler University of Indiana and holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Yale, was at one time pastor in Kansas City and served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the College. It is a matter of satisfaction to our entire fellowship that he was drawn all the way back to Missouri to deliver the commencement address and to receive this degree.

LAWTON HARRIS IN NEW ROLE

Lawton D. Harris, formerly director of religious education at First Church, Oakland, has been made Executive Secretary of the Oakland Church Federation. A huge Rally Day service at Lakeside Park has been planned for the afternoon of October 6th, President H. F. Swartz as speaker and Governor Merriam bringing greetings. A fall leadership training school was launched on September 30th, and a social service breakfast club, meeting once a week, has been organized.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. W. C. Blasdale

There will be no Executive Meeting in October

A FRESH START

After a vacation of three months the Executive Committee met on September 19 in the First Church, Oakland. The President, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, had returned from a sojourn in the East and brought the greetings of many distant friends. Among these was Mrs. Helen Ranney of Chicago, who sent her warmest good wishes to all. Mrs. C. L. Mears of Fairfax led the devotions, using as her theme, "Others." She showed by many apt illustrations that the loving life is the serving life, and she quoted John Galsworthy's simple and beautiful expression of his social attitude and ideal: "My intelligence and heart both tell me that if it is good for me to enjoy life it is good for other people. I wish to order this existence, which is to me so fine and full of fun, so that I need never enjoy it at the expense of others, nor they at the expense of myself. And in the firm belief that this is a possible state of things for mankind to bring about, I go forward."

NATAL ANNIVERSARY

The Foreign Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, reported some of the impressions of Dr. F. F. Goodsell when he attended the 100th anniversary of the American Board Mission in Natal last June. He wrote that there, among the rolling hills, is one of the finest of the Board's missions, with educational, medical, industrial, and evangelistic work going on; that the many related organizations, in which the Zulu Christians take a significant part, witness to the vitality of the Christian faith among that people. At the graduation exercises of the theological school when nine young men were entering the ministry, he says he "caught a new vision of the transforming power of Christ. Christ belongs neither to the East nor to the West, neither to the North nor to the South. He belongs to every nation. He can transform any nation." After traveling 35,000 miles and having had contacts with over 200 of our missionaries on seven fields, Dr. Goodsell is now back in Boston.

W. B. M. P. NOTES

Since its merger in 1926 with the American Board, the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific has continued its existence in order to hold certain funds which it seemed inadvisable to turn over to another, and also to be able to receive any legacies which might have been written into wills before that time. The corporate body consists of thirty members. At the annual meeting held in September, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid of Berkeley was elected president succeeding Mrs. R. C. Kirkwood of Palo Alto.

Many, especially in the Bay region, knew the late Dr. Susan J. Fenton of Oakland, a beloved physician and a member of the First Church. Upon her death nearly two years ago it was found that she had left a legacy of $500 to the Board. Some months ago Dr. Rose Beals of Wai, India, wrote of the need of a sanitary unit in a certain part of the compound, and of her hopes and prayers that somehow $500 might be found to install it. It was a great joy to the Board to grant, at its recent meeting, Dr. Fenton's legacy for that purpose.

MIGRANT WORKERS

Mrs. Chester Marliave, the Home Secretary, stated that the condition of the migrant workers, which has long been a matter of great concern to religious and social groups, has now been taken up by the women's clubs of several California cities, and also by the Federal Government. The recent addresses of Dr. Paul S. Taylor, Professor at the University of California and Regional Labor Adviser of the Resettlement Administration, before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, and over the radio, have revealed to many the magnitude and the seriousness of the migrant problem both to the laborers and to the country. A two-reel film, depicting the life of these wandering workers, is available, and may be secured by writing to the Northern Baptist Convention office, 228 McAllister St., San Francisco. A descriptive booklet accompanies the film.

Noteworthy Anniversary

Thanks are due Mrs. W. W. Ferrier for the following sketch about Mrs. E. R. Wagner of San Jose.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Board of Missions for the Pacific, held September 11, the interesting fact was disclosed that that day marked the forty-sixth anniversary of the sailing of Dr. and Mrs. Edward R. Wagner on their mission to share with others a knowledge of a life more abundant for soul and body. For many years they built themselves into the hearts and lives of the Chinese to whom they ministered, leaving behind them, when later they returned to the homeland with their children, an abiding memory and enduring affection.

From the time of her return to America, Mrs. Wagner has been an active member of the W. B. M. P. The cause of foreign missions on the Pacific coast has been strengthened and advanced by her earnest interest and enthusiastic spreading of missionary intelligence. For many years she held the office of Foreign Secretary on the Board, and the statement would go unchallenged that her wealth and accuracy of information concerning missionaries sent out by the Board, and the fields in which they worked, exceeded that of any other member.

As a counsellor, her judgment was dependable and valuable, due often to her well-remembered admonition, "Let us not be in a hurry, but take time for consideration."

As a contributor to publications, her articles in the Year Book and magazines of the Board and in the Missionary Herald (of which she was corresponding editor) were rich in facts and imagery and bright with cheerful incidents of human interest.

Friends of Mrs. Wagner are happy to have this opportunity to acknowledge her exceptional service and to express their sincere affection.

Fall Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the Federation will be held on Wednesday, October 16, in Sacramento, in connection with the Northern California State Conference. The program is given elsewhere. It is hoped that many auto parties will go to this meeting: the hours have been arranged to make this method of transportation convenient.

A PREACHER WRITES TO THE PRESIDENT

October 1, 1935.

My dear Mr. President:

The manifest sincerity of your letter of September 23 belies the accusation that your inquiry was purely for political purposes. When will our journalists ever be willing to admit that the actions of those in public office are motivated by a desire to advance the welfare of the country?

One is made to feel very humble when the President of the United States asks for help in solving the difficult problems devolving upon him. Nevertheless, your request puts upon one an inescapable responsibility of replying in the same frank spirit in which you have written.

With reference to the Social Security legislation, it is much too early to make any sort of estimate. It does not satisfy those whose hopes have been raised to tragic proportions by wild and impractical schemes, but it is a long step in the right direction. Of the Works Program I am less sure. It is an emergency matter, and perhaps necessary, but there are disturbing evidences of a sentiment of dependence upon government and an unwillingness to make the effort which self-respect and independence demand.

There is one matter that is causing great concern to thoughtful people, and that is the rapid acceleration of the debauching of people by alcohol. Conditions were not good under Prohibition, but they are certainly worse today. The undersigned sees several times as many drunken men on our streets than a few years ago. Recently within a few feet of the entrance of my office building, in broad daylight, a drunken man threatened me with physical violence.

Furthermore, the bringing back of liquor has not contributed to prosperity. The incomes of people are still small. Every dollar spent for liquor is needed for necessities, and the producers of those necessities certainly need to sell their products. You have insisted that Public Works money shall be used for those projects which require a high amount of labor, and you are eager to increase the market for farm products. I am sure that study of the problem will reveal to you that any given sum of money spent for alcoholic liquors, beer included, returns a much smaller amount to the farmer for raw material and to the laboring man for wages, than would be true of clothes, shoes, or food stuffs.

Aside from all of this is the question of safety. The reduction of drunkenness among automobile drivers is a more pressing problem than the elimination of grade crossings or the widening of highways. No road is wide enough to protect innocent people against the unsteady hand and reckless spirit of the man who is intoxicated.

Many of us could not approve your attitude on the question of Prohibition early in your administration, but we stand ready to co-operate with you in any constructive leadership which you can give that promises a better control of the menace confronting us and our children.

While written on the letterhead of the Conference which I have the honor to serve, this letter is not official. It is strictly personal.

Very sincerely your,

HARLEY H. GILL.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Interesting Letter From the Wilburs

Many Pacific readers will be interested in the following paragraphs from a letter written by Dr. Leonard F. Wilbur of Taiku, China, to his parents. It reveals clearly that the great need of our missionaries is not for special gifts sent directly, but more liberal support of the Boards so that proper appropriations can be made for running expenses:

"If you folks are really desirous of sending things to Taiku we and everybody here will be most glad to have you. There is hardly anything in the way of hospital equipment of which we have too much, but the main item in which we are tragically undersupplied is modern medical books. Some that we have on subjects I would really like to read up on are as old as I, and although I am not old, medical books my age are practically useless. Now having said all that, I'll have to add that the hospital's most urgent need is really for running expenses, to meet the prosaic but necessary bills for coal, food, medicine and salaries. These people just can't pay what their medical care actually costs except for an insignificant minority of them, and diminishing receipts from the Board and from foreign friends have left us with a considerable deficit in spite of economy which sometimes threatens medical standards.

"I think that if I had any sum at my disposal, I should spend a very small part of it for books and other equipment, about a third of it for our "Good Samaritan Fund" which makes possible lower rates to needy individuals, and put the rest into the general account. Of course not all our troubles are financial. Some of our patients won't accept good treatment if you pay them, but there are still a considerable number that we could help that we don't reach. Not long ago we had a patient who had convulsions secondary to disease of the skull bones. I think that she might have been cured, but her case called for careful, and for her, expensive study, and the result was that she did not get any benefit from her visit."

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